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STATE: ALSO FOR AID

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAID, PEPR, AF, US, UR
SUBJECT: AFGHAN LEADER LOOKS AMERICAN GIFT HORSE IN THE MOUTH

1. DURING A RECENT CALL ON NOOR MOHAMMED TARAHI, CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND PRIME MINISTER OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN (DRA), PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR ALI ARSHAD ASKED HOW TARAHI WAS FARING IN HIS QUEST FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM ABROAD. NOTING THAT THE DRA MEASURES THE FRIENDSHIP OF OTHER NATIONS BY HOW MUCH SUPPORT -- POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC -- THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE HIS REGIME (AN OLD PRE-REVOLUTIONARY AFGHAN TRADITION, BY THE WAY), TARAHI MENTIONED IN PASSING HIS HOPE THAT AMERICA WOULD PROVIDE "MILLIONS -- IN THE FORM OF A CHECK I CAN CONTROL."

2. ARSHAD TOLD TARAHI THAT THE AMERICANS WERE UNLIKELY TO PROVIDE
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AID IN THAT FASHION, AND ASKED RHETORICALLY WHETHER THE SOVIETS WOULD DO SO EITHER. TARAHI RETORTED THAT AFGHANISTAN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION IS "SPECIAL" -- AND THAT THE U.S.S.R. HAS ALREADY PROVIDED MUCH MORE AID TO AFGHANISTAN THAN HAS THE U.S.

3. RETURNING TO THE TOPIC OF U.S. AID, TARAHI INSISTED

THAT IT BE WITHOUT "STRINGS." IF, FOR EXAMPLE, AMERICA WERE
TO REQUIRE AFGHANISTAN TO ALTER ITS FRIENDSHIP WITH THE U.S.S.R.
IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR U.S. AID, TARAHI WOULD REFUSE TO TAKE
A PENNY AT THAT PRICE. TARAHI ADDED, "TELL THAT TO YOUR SAUDI
FRIENDS TOO."
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